



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Having returned to school after the Heritage Day weekend, I thought that it may be appropriate to look at our own St Peter's "heritage" and what it means to be part of the community. I believe that the greatest strength of St Peter's is our grounding in the Christian Faith. While this grounding is definitely not exclusive, we welcome children and families from many other faiths at the school and celebrate the diversity that we are privileged to experience as a result, our basic ethos is firmly set in the Anglican Tradition of the Christian Faith. This grounding serves to inform us in our decision making and our Chaplain, Father Richard, sits on EXCO and ensures that we adhere to Christian values and doctrines. This common thread of faith allows us to find unity in our diversity and provides a "safe space" for the children to explore the complexity of the broader South African community.

Those who read this newsletter regularly will be familiar with the conscious effort that St Peter's makes to bring our parents from various cultures and heritage together through events such as the "My Story" evenings that take place twice a term. These events are diarised and everyone is welcome to attend. In our celebration of Heritage Day, two special "My Story" events were held last week. The first, a bring-and-share harvest table, took place in the Boys JP. Food from various cultures was brought in by participants and as groups moved around the tables they heard why the dish was significant for a particular culture and, in some cases, the personal stories behind the choice. The second group of storytellers met in the Girls JP Hall and here items of memorabilia or cultural clothing were used as the stimulus for conversation. Once again, the power of sitting in community and sharing stories, asking questions and, very importantly laughing together, was highlighted. Unless you have attended a "My Story" event you will not be able to appreciate the power and sense of belonging that these events inculcate. The principles of the prayer of St Francis are an important part of the evenings. I share this well-known prayer below:

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life
Amen



The St Peter's community is one in which we celebrate our togetherness and acceptance of each other, not only in principle, but in active sharing of who we are and consciously seeking to understand first and then to be understood. Please join us for our next "My Story" event.

Enjoy a wonderful week of community.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

HERITAGE DAY HARVEST TABLE

On Thursday, 20 September the JP Social Cohesion team hosted a wonderful evening celebrating our various heritages by means of sharing food from a harvest table. This was an evening of sharing and growing as a Junior Prep Community at St Peter's.

Due to the theme we hosted a cooking demonstration using the three legged pot. The legs of our pot represents the St Peter's Community – one leg is the children who attend our school, the other their parents and the last leg represents their teachers. If one leg was to break off we would not be able to complete our meal successfully. All three are required to create a safe, nurturing community for our families.

The ingredients for today's demonstration include our values as we believe this is what feeds our community:

Respect:

Our first ingredient is *respect*; within a community *respect* leads to loyalty. Without *respect* for one another friendships cannot grow. The ingredient *respect* is one of the founding values of the world in which we live. Without *respect* within our community we cannot move forward.

Responsibility:

After a quick stir we add *responsibility* to our pot – as members of a community, we need to take *responsibility* for each other; and as role models to the younger generation we need to be counted on to do what is expected and say what is right. This includes developing an understanding for and tolerance of others views.

Honour:

Let the pot simmer over a low heat adding the ingredient *honour* slowly to the mix. For a community to thrive one should support the relationship between families and their collective *honour*. Family *honour* is impacted by many aspects of our daily lifestyle including religion, clothing, hobbies, culture and food.

Compassion:

Next we need to add a sprinkling of *compassion*, the golden rule of treating others as you would like to be treated, will allow for *compassion* to thrive within a community. Communities should be driven by the idea that beneath conflict, inequality and indifference runs a deep river of *compassion*, engulfed in an aquifer of loving kindness.

Collaboration:

A heaped spoonful of *collaboration* will add to the flavour. It is *collaboration* that makes it possible to reach a goal that cannot be achieved by one person alone. An element of trust is required for *collaboration* to be successful – we need to remember that it takes a village to raise a child.

Resilience:

Put the lid on the pot after adding *resilience*, as this represents a community's ability to recover from adverse situations and demands that we support others in their time of need, whilst celebrating each other's successes.

Our pot is ready to enjoy! Never forget that everyone's heritage has many positive influences on community building and growing our rainbow nation. We would like to thank both the PA and the amazing Social Cohesion team for the time and effort they put into the evening. Thanks to the parents and staff who attended and shared their heritage stories so willingly. It certainly gave Heritage Day an extra special tone in 2018.

JP SPORTS DAY: 28 SEPTEMBER (Newlands Field)

We look forward to our boys demonstrating their skills on Friday at Sports Day. Tomorrow please send your son to school in his sports kit, with sunscreen and his hat. He does not need to wear shoes.

The boys will be brought to Newlands Field for the start. The Grade 2 Leavers Committee will be selling refreshments throughout the afternoon – please do support them.

Ready, Steady.....

SWIMMING

Our swimming season will start next week, please take note of the following changes:

Grade 0:

Tuesday - swimming + sports kit

Grade 1:

Thursdays – swimming + summer uniform

Monday & Wednesday – sports kit

Grade 2:

Thursdays – swimming + summer uniform

Tuesday & Friday: sports kit (Tuesdays with House shirts)

On swimming days the boys may wear their costumes under their uniform. Please pack a towel and underwear – a rash vest is optional.

Swimming will replace tennis.

The boys will start to work on their cricket skills on sports kit days.

Please ensure your son has **two hats** – one for his locker; the other needs to be in his bag for waiting class, extra cost extra mural activities and Aftercare.

CAMP OUT: 29 SEPTEMBER (Feathers & Mvukuzane Fields)

The highlight of the year for our children happens on Saturday when we host our annual Camp Out. I hope the weather plays along! Please see the attachments for details of this event. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

WORLD CARDBOARD CHALLENGE – 5 OCTOBER

Up, Up and Away! Please send cardboard of any form to school for us to re-use in the challenge we have accepted for World Cardboard Challenge:

*“Sometimes the best learning
environment for students isn’t
a bunch of devices powered by
Wifi, sometimes it’s a huge pile
of cardboard powered by
PURE IMAGINATION!”*

DCS – GRADE 2 LEGO DAY

Our Grade 2 boys enjoyed sharing their school with their DCS friends on Tuesday. They built Lego together, played sport and games and shared lunches. It was such a lovely way to celebrate our Heritage Day.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A fly landed on a Grade 0 boy. He swatted it away saying: “Go away fly, I’m not chocolate.”

Looking forward to seeing you at Sports Day and Camp Out.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 28 September	
12:30	Grade 0 Sports Day
13:30	Grade 1 & 2 Sports Day
Saturday 29 September	
16:00	Camp Out
Monday 01 October	
Tuesday 02 October	
8.30	No DCS lessons (school holiday)
Wednesday 03 October	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays from 01 – 07 October)
13:00-13:30	Grade 2 Choir
Thursday 04 October	
13:00-13:00	Grade 1 Choir
Friday 05 October	
World Cardboard Challenge	
World Teachers Day	
12:00	PA Golf Day

LATEST AWSUM NEWSPAPER IS OUT

Here is your electronic link:

https://issuu.com/tiemedi/docs/johannesburg_september_primary_-_h_c6798b4be9bb1f

DIVERSITY

Ross du Plooy, Grade 7, addressed the boys in chapel on Heritage Day. Excerpts from his talk follow:

Heritage Day is celebrated on 24 September every year in South Africa. It is a colourful celebration of our country's diversity. It is also a time for us to recognise the importance of aspects of our rainbow nation. As a community, we share the responsibility of identifying and respecting what is important, and pass these on to future generations so they will understand and appreciate their heritage.

Heritage Day was observed in KwaZulu-Natal as Shaka Day, in honour of the legendary Zulu leader, King Shaka Zulu.

In 1995 it became a public holiday and its significance rests in recognising aspects of South African culture and democracy that have a profound power to build the nation.

Use the St Peter's values to share, love and celebrate our oneness.

Vijay Maharaj (Director – Diversity)

INDIGENOUS PLANT APPEAL

We would like to upgrade the Boys Prep gardens.

Many of you are busy in your gardens at the moment splitting plants and preparing for spring and summer. If you can spare a few we would really appreciate them. They can be dropped off at the cross in the Chapel car park or in the JP car park. Security will help you.

We are looking for any indigenous:

- succulents
- grasses
- mother-in-law tongue
- gazanias
- wild irises
- normal irises
- strelitzia
- aloes
- groundcovers

If anyone has an "aloe tree" (not large) that they can spare, that would be wonderful.

**PAVER PLAQUES**

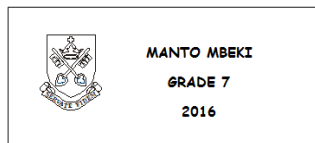
A **PAVER PLAQUE** is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2>

Examples of the plaques available to are order:

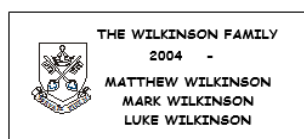
CURRENT PUPIL:



LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:



Orders for 2018 will close on 30 September 2018

GOLF DAY

RAFFLE 2018
R200 per ticket

**Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your *school term fees*.**

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available
Purchase your tickets on TIXSA
On sale from Wednesday, 19 September 08:00

Draw: 5 October 2018
Time: Approx. 19:00
Venue: Kyalami Country Club
Event: St Peter's Prep Schools Golf Day

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

Buy your tickets online through this link:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018/pre-sale>

SUNSET CAROLS – CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL INVITATION

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2018 Sunset Carols Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 1 December!

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. The market is held prior to the St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people.

To apply for a stall click on the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RTuZaQASlx6BtnlK2>